

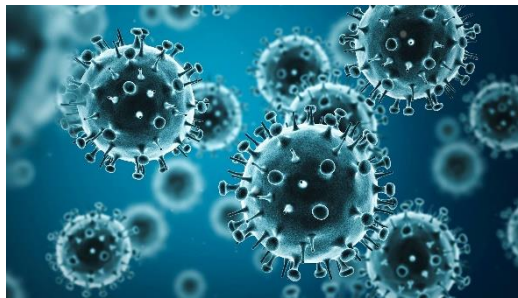


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What's in your Partners in Care bulletin?

This weekly bulletin provides details of training, guidance, access to past editions and lots more. There's also helpful information on the web pages dedicated to our Independent Care Provider colleagues.

[Please click here to bookmark these pages](#)



Flu Pack for Care Homes

Please find through this link below a pack of flu resources from Public Health England. This is to help homes detect outbreaks of influenza-like illness promptly, notify them to the Yorkshire and Humber Health Protection Team (HPT) and undertake immediate action to minimise transmission within the care/residential home.

- [A PHE poster describing how to detect influenza outbreaks in care homes, and the steps to take to minimise transmission within the care home](#)
- [A visitors' poster from NHS England/PHE](#)
- [An information sheet on how to collect nasal swabs from residents with symptoms of influenza](#)
- [A flu testing request form](#)



HCV Resilience Hub Bereavement Support

The Humber, Coast and Vale Resilience Hub offers a COVID-19 bereavement support group for anyone who works in health, care or emergency services across North Yorkshire, The Vale of York and Humberside and has experienced a loss during the COVID-19 pandemic. The groups run in seven weeks blocks every Monday between 4-5pm and give you the chance to meet with others who are going through similar experiences in a safe, supportive and therapeutic environment.

The next group starts on **18 October** and you can find out more and register your interest through this [link](#) or by emailing tewv.hcv-resiliencehub@nhs.net. Please share this message with your staff, and if you have social media you may also wish to share the below message. A poster for you to display can be found through this [link](#).

"If you work in health, care or emergency services across Humberside, North Yorkshire or the Vale of York and have experienced a bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic we can help. Find out more about the HCV Resilience Hub bereavement support groups by visiting <https://www.hcvresiliencehub.nhs.uk/support-groups/> #HCVResilienceHub"

Research Opportunity- Contact Pilot

Fulford Nursing Homes and The Chocolate Works Care Village or both taking part in a pilot for the "CONTACT" study being led by University of Leeds. This would look to track infection spread through the home by recording all interactions, so if the homes were to get a positive of any infection they would know who has been near who and for how long. There are opportunities for other homes who wish to be involved with this pilot.

For any homes wishing to be involved the contact for the study is A.K.DaffuOReilly@leeds.ac.uk, or Lizzie for Fulford Nursing Home is also happy to talk to any homes who are considering involved. The home have been involved in a number of research programmes and find the knowledge providers can gain from this is invaluable.

Need to know



Playlist for Life- Using Personal Playlists to Support Those with Dementia

At last weeks Partners in Care we heard about the power personal music playlists can have for those living with dementia, benefits of which can include all of the below.

- Can help people connect and reunite families
- Recall memories or abilities
- Restore a sense of self
- Help manage mood
- Reduce need for psychotropic medication
- Improved nutritional intake
- Improved continence
- Reduction in falls

- Reduction in use of restraint
- Making difficult tasks easier (e.g. personal care)

Playlist for Life is national charity working to raise awareness and are able to support families and care providers in embedding these in practice. The slides from the session can be found through this [link](#), and the powerful full length version of the Harry and Margaret video that was shown can be found through this [link](#). They would be very interested in hearing from anybody who would be interested in undertaking a pilot in their provider. To express an interest and for any further information please contact jan.tuson@playlistforlife.org.uk

Funding Now Available for Essential Training

Skills for Care have recently confirmed that fully funded Essential training is now available. This training is available as three individual packages of learning:

- Rapid induction (aimed at new staff)
- Refresher training (aimed at existing staff)
- A volunteer programme.

Their aim is to help employers quickly train new recruits to ensure that all workers can complete their duties safely. Employers can select from 12 endorsed training providers, some of which are new additions this year. These providers have been awarded grants to deliver the rapid induction programme. Please note, all training will be delivered virtually. For more information please follow this [link](#)

Capacity Tracker Updates

The planned updates due to come into place for care homes last Thursday will now take place **this evening**. Homes will be asked to provide numbers of staff with a medical exemption certificate, as well as number of staff who have received a Covid vaccination abroad (e.g. Janssen vaccination)

Training and Development Opportunities



Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes
Scarborough, Ryedale and Vale of York

Project ECHO- Palliative Care Clinics

The Project ECHO Team from St Leonards Hospice are building a community of practice for registered nursing staff whose work includes Palliative care across the York and North Yorkshire region. The aim of these sessions is to provide mutual support, learn from complex situations and enable networking between services. Please find a summary below of the sessions scheduled for the remainder of the year:

- Monday 01 November at 2.00- PRN Medication (Learning from Datix reports)
- Wednesday 01 December at 2.00- Managing Seizures

The team also hold a monthly session focusing on verification of expected death.

For more information and to book your place, please contact:

ProjectECHOTeam@stleonardshospice.nhs.uk

Valuing Nursing in Social Care for Students, Employers and Educators

**When: Wednesday 13
October 10.00-15.00**

This event will highlight how incredibly rewarding and complex it is to be a nurse in adult social care. It's the first of its kind and will feature a special welcome from our CEO Oonagh Smyth, with keynote addresses from Deborah Sturdy, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care, and Professor Brian J Webster-Henderson, Chair of Council of Deans. At the event we'll be launching our new guide 'How to make the most of student nurse placements in social care settings – for the person who needs care and support, employer, student, and education provider', which was developed in partnership with Health Education England. Hot topics will include digital transformation and virtual placements in social care, and the social model of care. As well as providing an opportunity for regional networking, there will also be the chance to ask questions of a panel made up of key national stakeholders for nursing in social care. This event is aimed at:

- Students undertaking pre-registration

- undergraduate healthcare degrees
- Social care employers who would like to expand or develop their offer of placements
- colleagues from the higher education sector.

To register please follow this [link](#)

Further Information

Guidance on Medical Exemption from COVID-19 Vaccination and Capacity Tracker Reporting

DHSC have published [guidance](#) on how people can apply for official proof that, for medical reasons, they are unable to be vaccinated and/or tested for COVID-19. All exemptions will be confirmed by a doctor, specialist clinician or midwife. If approved, the [NHS COVID Pass](#) can then be used by an individual to prove their status

The possible reasons for exemptions are limited, and include:

- People receiving end of life care where vaccination is not in the person's best interests
- People with learning disabilities or autistic individuals, or people with a combination of impairments where vaccination cannot be provided through reasonable adjustments
- A person with severe allergies to all currently available vaccines
- Those who have had an adverse reaction to the first dose (for example, myocarditis)



Extension of PPE Portal and Consultation

The portal for free PPE for social care providers has been extended to March 2022. Full details are available through this [link](#). DHSC have launched a consultation on continuing this service beyond this time. Responses are welcomed from across the sector to help the Government make a well-balanced and considered decision, to comment please follow this [link](#).

- Short-term exemptions will also be available for those with short-term medical conditions and as an option that some pregnant women may choose to take. Exemptions for pregnant women will expire 16 weeks post-partum, in order to allow them to become fully vaccinated after birth.

To note: From Monday 4 October 2021, the new phone number for emergency PPE requests will be: 0800 876 6802 (lines open Mon-Sun 7am-7pm). The National Supply Disruption Response line (0800 915 9964) remains in use to report disruptions to any medical products."

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Do you have.....

- **thoughts or comments to share?**
- **news that you would like to feature in the bulletin?**
- **items to be discussed at the next Partners in Care Meeting?**

If so please contact sam.varo@nhs.net